

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for remote inspection of emergency equipment in installed positions at one or a system of emergency equipment stations, said apparatus comprising:

a detector located at an emergency equipment station for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the emergency equipment station, wherein the detector includes a sonar module;

a defibrillator station with a portable defibrillator located at the emergency equipment station;

a fire extinguisher station with a portable fire extinguisher located at the emergency equipment station, wherein the portable fire extinguisher includes a fire extinguisher gauge for detecting and displaying pressure conditions of fire extinguishing material contained within a volume of a tank included in the portable fire extinguisher; and

an electronic circuit in communication between the detector and a remote central station for issue of a signal to the remote central station ~~upon detection of the obstruction to viewing of or access to the emergency equipment station or upon detection of one or more selectable predetermined conditions selected from:~~ including predetermined internal conditions and predetermined external conditions, wherein the predetermined external conditions include removal of the portable fire extinguisher.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector initiates a signal from the electronic circuit to the remote central station upon detection of the obstruction.

7. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 6, wherein the signal includes a wireless signal.

8. (Original) The apparatus of remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the obstruction is disposed within a range of about 6 inches to about 10 feet from the emergency equipment station.

9. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector initiates a signal from the electronic circuit to another emergency equipment station upon detection of the obstruction.

10. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 9, wherein the signal includes a wireless signal.

11-17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit is further adapted to issue a signal to the remote central station and to receive another signal from the remote central station.

19. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 18, wherein the issued signal includes a wireless signal.

20. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a wireless signal transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to the remote central station.

21. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a wireless signal receiver for receiving a wireless signal from the remote central station.

22. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a receiver for receiving a signal from another emergency equipment station.

23. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a receiver for receiving a wireless signal from another emergency equipment station.

24. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a transmitter for transmitting a signal to another emergency equipment station.

25. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to another emergency equipment station.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector is included in a housing separated from the emergency equipment.

28. (Currently Amended) An emergency equipment station comprising:

a portable defibrillator;

a portable fire extinguisher, wherein the portable fire extinguisher includes a fire extinguisher gauge for detecting and displaying pressure conditions of fire extinguishing material contained within a volume of a tank included in the portable fire extinguisher;

a detector for detection of access to a removal of the defibrillator or portable fire extinguisher from an installed position;

a detector for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator or portable fire extinguisher, wherein the detector includes a sonar module; and

circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station ~~upon detection of access to removal of the defibrillator or fire extinguisher from its installed position, or~~ upon detection of one or more selectable predetermined conditions ~~selected from:~~ including predetermined internal conditions and predetermined external conditions, wherein the predetermined external conditions include removal of the portable fire extinguisher.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

31. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station comprises:

a wireless transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to a remote station upon detection of removal of the defibrillator from its installed position.

32. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station is configured to interface with a hardwire connection that is in communication with the remote station.

33. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 further comprising:

one or more batteries for supplying power to the portable defibrillator; and a detector for detecting a low battery condition of one or more of the batteries.

34. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 33 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

35. (Currently Amended) An emergency equipment station comprising:

a portable defibrillator;

a portable fire extinguisher, wherein the portable fire extinguisher includes a fire extinguisher gauge for detecting and displaying pressure conditions of fire extinguishing material contained within a volume of a tank included in the portable fire extinguisher;

one or more batteries that supply power to the portable defibrillator or portable fire extinguisher;

a detector for detection of a low battery condition of one or more of the batteries;

a detector for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator or portable fire extinguisher, wherein the detector includes a sonar module; and

circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station ~~upon detection of a low battery condition, or upon detection of one or more selectable predetermined conditions selected from:~~ including predetermined internal conditions and predetermined external conditions, wherein the predetermined external conditions include removal of the portable fire extinguisher.

36. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 35 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station comprises:

a wireless transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to a remote station upon detection of removal of the defibrillator from its installed position.

37. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 35 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station is configured to interface with a hardwire connection that is in communication with the remote station.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 35 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

40. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the detector for detection of access to the defibrillator comprises a detector for detecting removal of the defibrillator from the installed position.

41. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry is further configured to produce an alarm at the emergency equipment station upon detection of access to the defibrillator at its installed position.

42. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 41 wherein the alarm comprises an audible alarm.

43. (Previously presented) The emergency equipment station of claim 41 wherein the alarm comprises a visual alarm.